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The Editors' Cornucopia

Treat Yo' Self

To Some Self-Lovin' This Holiday Season

Sammy Lowe Co-Editor



Hey friends! Time for all the clichés: We've made it! We're almost there! There is light at the end of the tunnel! This semester had been filled with ups and downs, but we made it through!

In all seriousness, though, you have all gotten through a tough ams, and should be very proud. It is no easy task to conquer the beast that is a semester of liberal arts education, and you all have done so while lookin' so hecka fine! You go, student! Looking back on this semester.

it seems like everyone has had as especially rough time. Whether it was an increase in the number assignments or a particularly chalanticipated making it to the end and can't wait to walk (or run) out of that last final.

As you continue to study for those finals and think about what to do over the break, I only ask that you do one thing: take some time to treat yourself

Now, this self-care can take many forms: buying yourself that disco record or snappy cardigan that you've been wanting, letting vourself get a butt-ton of chocolate from Bulk Barn, or take an evening off to enjoy the cinematic stylings of Emma Thompson, Simon Pegg or Kate McKinnon. While these are all great ways

to reward yourself and de-stress during exam season, it is equally if not more important to reflect on successes that you've had this semester. Maybe that was doing well on a test or being a part of an Hutch's affection.

But maybe that was also staying up late to talk with a friend who had been having a rough week, or having the strength to get feeling especially low and drained.

Remember, the fact that you have made it this far is such an incredible accomplishment, and that success deserves ample recog-

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So, the next time you are thinking about having that extra dessert or watching just one more episode on Netflix, do it. You deserve it.

The Holidays Don't Say the "C" Word **Autumn MacDonald**

Co-Editor



balized world there is a consistent reality of being politically correct and inclusive. Hence the notion of condemning the notorious "C" word (Christmas!) during the holiday season. Instead of including other denominational celebrations or lack of celebration during this time of year, there has been a notion that Christmas festivities are exclusive of other member's belief systems. To counter this notion, as long as beliefs are not forced upon others, discrimination is avoided. As long as you respect one another, which religion should do

and practice, the holidays can be enjoyed with love and the co-existence of other cultures Samantha Christensen

1) A book light and a sensible pair of shoes. Failsafe gifts for an En-

2) Right now I think my ideal vacation would be to go on the Harry Potter studio tour in London. However, that might require me to come to terms with the fact that Harry Potter is fiction, and I'm not sure I'm ready for that yet.

3) Probably something burned, since I'm a terrible cook. But it would be okay because there would be lots of wine.



Familiar Faces

by JENNIFER HA



piece that features faculty and staff members who are new or new to their positions around Augustana and their answers to a series of

This week, we asked Augustana alumnae Tia Lalani and Samantha Christensen the following questions to get them thinking about the holiday season:

- 1) What's at the top of your wishlist this holiday season?
- 2) What's your ideal vacation?
- 3) If you're hosting a dinner party, what would be on the menu?

1) Some boots I've had my eye on. I'm trying not to spend my entire paycheck on things to wear to work, which can be a vicious cycle, so getting them as a gift would

2) I'd like to sound sophisticated and worldly and choose somewhere with a lot of interesting history and culture, but honestly it'd be laying on a beach somewhere.

3) My mom makes wicked Indian food so I'd steal some of her recipes - samosas and kuku paka (coconut chicken). And also a lot of beer and wine!



Wake Up and Smell the Christmas Propaganda A Serious Article about a Serious Topic

by CAROLYN VENTER



This week I sat down with the lovely Amy Lechelt to talk con-

sumerism and Christmas.

Amy is a dirty blonde and enjoys eating beets. I asked to interview her because of her leftist or what I like to call "humanitarian" views.

As a well known propagator of the communist agenda I wanted to avoid any possible bias by also interviewing someone on the more conservative side of the political spectrum.

Unfortunately I just couldn't find anyone like that in small town Alberta.

When I asked Amy about whether or not decorating was a big part of her Christmas she stated that, "My one aunt and uncle have like a giant moose and a giant tear and a giant fake tree. I don't know, it's really out of hand. Whatever, they're so weird. Don't put this in the interview."

Next I asked her about Christmas presents, Two years ago I proposed to my family let's have a present free Christmas except- this is off the record-my dad bought himself two remote control helicopter toys. So we woke up on Christmas and we didn't have any presents and he was like. I'm so excited."

We then got into a rapid fire question and answer period.

O) Do you think there is a rise in consumer culture over Christmas?

A) For sure, well, that's what it's all about right? Commercials. Advertisements. It's about if you buy the perfect thing then you will have the perfect Christmas.

(a) What is your opinion on consumer culture in general?

A) I think that it plagues us and we're all involved no matter if we want to participate or not.

(a) What are your tips for having a more sustainable Christmas?

A) I think your first step is to see what's in your local community. You can buy and consume locally and you're still buying beautiful things that are probably still made in China-I'm meaning to make this sound positive...

When referring to her family's own gift exchange she stated that, "You have to buy something consumable so you're not getting stuff in your home. I got a growyour-own mushroom thing. Don't put that in there because it sounds like drugs."

 What is your favourite Christmas present you have ever received?

A) Last year I got a mug with cats on it, so that was good. I mean that's the thing in my adult life I can think of. Obviously it's a Furby or a Nintendo 64, dub.

Q) Is there anything else you would like to add, like maybe your self made recipe for house cleaner?

A) What I want for Christmas this year is a used keyboard.

As I turned my Sony voice recorder off she proceeded to tell me about how much she hates kitschy things from Dollarama like miniature Santa hats, you know, the kind of stuff that would have been really great to put in a story about consumerism.

To summarize, what we've

To summarize, what we've learned is that although Christmas is a magical time of year, it is important to make smart consumer choices.

This Christmas take a page out

of Amy Lechelt's sustainability book and grow your own mushrooms!



Flirt Zone
Pick up Lines for the Modern Student

#WinterEdition

> I've checked it twice, and you're on my "naughty" list.

> Even the cookies for Santa aren't as sweet as you.

> Do you wanna see my North Pole?

> I'm like a Christmas present—you'll love waking up to me in the morning.

> I'd walk all the way from Ravine to the Theatre Building for you.

> What do you say we make this a "notso-silent" night?



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If I Fits, I Sits

The Hottest Spots to Study During Finals

by ISABELL STAMM



As finals loom before us we all need to find a place to sit and study for a while, because no one wants to bomb their exams. We found our favorite places around campus for our stressed-out students. These are our top 5:

5. The Abstract: The Trees

in the Quad.

This may be more suitable for those adventurous people who enjoy elimbing trees and are feeling like a bird. However, there are a few downsides to this one including the neighboring birds who may be unhappy about your new cool spot. While the excellent view of campus and students walking around is worth some hassle; be cautious of bombs dropping by angry birds. This choice is also less desirable in winter, however, with he right precautions such as your bird seed hat and polar bear fur coat; this spot can be well utilized

during the exam season. 3. The Desperate: Your

Closet.

While other options may sound ideal now, sometimes a short trip to Namia or the inside of your closet can help to contain your building stress. Complete solitude is a benefit to this location, however recommended for shorter students since longer limbs can provide a problem in the limited space provided.

4. The Comforter: Hutch's Cage.

The choice of many who are feeling down due to less than par class marks. Hutch provides everyone with the comfort they deserve this season. Check out a pillow from the library front desk and grab your textbook to chill with Augustana's favorite non-human. He will be sure to console your soul and settle your nerves in this stressful time.

2. The Newbie: The Lone Stairs.

For those who have ever frequented the First-Year Dorms, the mysterious set of stairs connecting the third and second floors can provide the ideal study place. Since

Autumn MacDonald, stylish and smokin' student, studiously studies for her stupendous finals in a secretive section of the library.

few know about this you will surely not be disturbed often and can spend your time focusing on your books. Beware: couples who are looking for a little private time outside of their room may have different ideas about the usefulness of those secluded stairs.

1. The Tried and True: The Library.

This haven for studiers is the choice for many students this time of year. All the returning students understand the worth of the library and respect the invisible quiet sign as soon as they walk in the

door. Now, while construction has influenced the quiet levels of this space, it still tops this list due to its long history of holding studious students affectionately during this time of year.

So, for those looking to find their new spot this year be sure to check out some of these great options. Good luck on your exams, and may your marks be with you.



AUGUSTANA WORKS Community Career Mixer Explore career options and build your network Thursday, January 19, 2017 Leide - BOB p.m. Founders Hall, Augustana Campus University of Alberta



An Eco-Friendly Winter

Tis the Season to Minimize Idling

Submission by CRYSTAL LABRECQUE

As winter nears, the temperature dipping below zero, you're probably rushing out to your wehicle and letting it run for a few minutes just so that grabbing the cold steering wheel becomes a little bit more bearable. That much is understandable.

After all, Canadian winters make it possible for your car to turn into something less like an automobile and more like a drivable ice cube. Yet, as we reach further and further into this frosty season, it's important to remember that your actions as a driver come to influence the world around you.

Your decisions make an impact on the environment. It's the age-old statement that's starting to sound a little cliché; however, motor vehicles are a leading cause of both greenhouse gas emissions and air pollution.

Due to the amounts of atmospheric concentrations of greenhouse gases being emitted, the extremes of climate change an expected not only to increase in frequency but also intensity. But why should you care? Well, current projections have predicted that changes in biogeo-chemical processes have grave consequences. Not only would global warming result in severe drought and heat waves, but sea ice retreating and warming oceans. The structure and function of ecosystems may be altered for the worst; ocean acidification, hurricanes, and food shortness are only a few potential problems on a long list of outcomes.

There's no doubt that driving is the preferred method of travel and sure, it could be argued that global warming isn't making our cold Canadian winters quite so cold anymore.

However, many are now looking for sustainable means which could lead to the prevention of lethal aftereffects. For example, getting together with some friends and carpooling, taking the local community bus, or bringing your vehicle in for maintenance could help in reducing greenhouse gases this season.

Spotlight 💸



The Case of Chillabit vs. Augustana

How a Social Media App Affects Community





An article on Gateway, the official attudent newspaper of the University of Alberta, advertised Chillabit as a great way to build community among students. As a sociology student/Dag writer, who is always curious about the things around me, i downloaded Chillabit and decided to experiment with the app for a week.

I slowly started to explore the functions that are available, including the upvote and downvote system to show your approval of a post, the anonymity of posting, and the incomprehensible tips that are offered to you after someone likes you on Chillablia. It was the second day of using this app when I started noticing the problematic pattern of posts. Specific individuals or positions were targeted and discussed as if they had no access to the app. Since Professor Milbrandt.

teaches a sociology course covering the topic of media, I decidde to interview her to talk about Chillabit. During the interview with Professor Milbrandt, I mentioned that several people were pushed under the spotlight involuntarily when posters explicitly suggested the identity of the person being discussed.

After explaining to Professor Milbrandt how the app works, she pointed out that "while most of it is likely done in the spirit of play, anonymous posting can have the unintended consequence of undermining the socially trusting and relatively community character of our campus."

By subjecting unwanted attention to someone on social media the individual is disempowered. The consequences become more serious if the disempowered persons is ateady marginalized in the Augustana community. Professor Millbrand also said, "It would be positive if online communication supported, rather than underminad, the unique social character of our campus."

While staff and faculty deliberately attempt to connect with students through small-sized lectures and joining community events, Chillabit may not serve its original purpose of building a community at Augustane.

I also talked with some students to get an idea of what they think about the app. Some point out the negative effect of Chillabit, as students can post negative opinions anonymously and hide behind the screen, while some argue that the app is a great source of entertainment and information on emmus.

Personally, I do not think posters intend to but anyone. They are simply inconsiderate about how one will feel being openly discussed in a platform that every student on the campus can access. I am not condemning anyone who uses Chillabit to tease a friend. Rather, I am horing this article will prompt you to think critically about how you use this app.



During those days that I experimented with the app, I understood the temptation of scrolling through the app without thinking about the consequences for those being mentioned. I also understand the addiction to consume gossip without the actual interactions with people that holds you accountable

I did notice there were posts on Chillabit praising individuals on the campus or even combating rumours targeted to specific people, and it was great of the posters

ple, and it was great of the posters to spread some positive energy. Yet, guaranteed anonymity also opens up the channel for people to be mean under the false conscious-

be mean under the false consciousness that there is no repercussion beyond the rankings in the app. Chillabit proclaims to foster a community, but is the app necessary in a tight-knit campus such as Augustana? Augustana is all about bringing

people together — it is the official

Augustana advantage that differentiates Augustana from North Campus!

I realize that students will not stop using Chillabit after reading this article, but I wish that readers turn this kind of communication into a means to further foster a sense of community and make Augustana a more welcoming place.

Professor Milbrandt concluded the interview by wondering if posters might find creative ways to subvert or challenge the temptation to post anonymously by including their names, and encouraging otheers to do the same.

After reading this article, I hope readers will reflect on their use of Chillabit by acknowledging that words can hurt, and think about the ways we can make the app beneficial to every student. And, I hope you are brave enough to challenge the negative use of the app when such occasions arise.



Cosmic Corner

The Search is On!

by CRYSTAL ROSENE



Have I got your attention now? One of the most burning questions about the cosmos is 'Are we alone in the universe?' Although I cannot definitively provide a solid answer to that (as, currently, no one can), I hope to impart some insight into the prospect of extra-terrestrials. you with a bit more knowledge about where aliens might be found. and what research into their existence is currently underway

So where could we potentially find aliens? Biology on Earth indicates liquid water is essential for life to flourish - this isn't to say that all extra-terrestrials necessarily require water, but it's a good place

met before liquid water will be a thick enough atmosphere to pre -vent evaporation and the planetmust fall within a specific range of temperatures, to maintain the liquid state. (This is one drawback of the possibility for life on Mars: frozen water is stored in polar caps during winter and released via sublimation in summer, so it never remains as a liquid on the planet.)

As you can see, it's not easy to find the perfect 'Goldilocks' planet to support life. Currently Mars has been the prime target of our extensive physical search for extraterrestrial life. But our search isn't limited to physical inspection. In fact, several methods are currently underway to continue the search

It is not feasible to send unmanned space probes to distant stars, as the time travel alone provides a significant barrier: hundreds of years may pass before the probe reaches its destination, plus the equally long journey of information back to Earth.

A more feasible option is radio transmissions. Astronomers are scanning the skies trying to detect radio waves potentially sent by an ising option for detecting signs of life, as radio waves can travel over large distances without significant degradation of their signal from

SETI, or the Search for Extra-Terrestrial Intelligence, has carried out analysis of radio trans-



-missions from an area of over 60 stars, but have yet to find any binding evidence of alien life

In the 1960's, Frank Drake proposed an equation that models how many potentially life-supporting planets exist in our galaxy:

 $N = N_s \times F_p \times F_t \times F_t \times \frac{L_c}{I}$

I'll spare the technical details, but the gist is that the number depends on many variables such as the fraction of Earth-like planets on which life actually evolves, and the fraction of those life-forms that

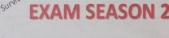
Most of the parameters have significant uncertainty, but by arbi-trarily making them one set of possible values, the number we arrive at is 10: i.e. in our entire galaxy, there may be as few as 10 worlds supporting intelligent life.

Infrared telescones and stellar spectra are also budding technologies in the search. But although we have yet to find any concrete evidence, we mustn't get discouraged. In a field so vast and so uncertain, our search has really only just begun.



by KEN WINDER (BARBIE)

A Survival Guide To **EXAM SEASON 2K16**



As we are in the midst of taking 3. Set a schedule. exams, here are a few tips for surof year!

1. Go get some hot chocolate from the café and go sit by the fireplaces in the Forum

It can be really nice just to sit and take a minute to regain a sense ness. And depending on the time of day, the Forum can provide some

2. Get some sleep.

go and we laugh at the students that go to bed early. However, get-

What's even more important than getting sleep is getting consistent sleep. Making a schedule and sticking to it is crucial. In fact, if you set a schedule where you regularly set aside study time and do brain will become more inclined to learn and recall during that time.

4. "Comparison is the thief of joy." - Theodore Roosevelt.

If you are constantly comparing vourself to others and are feeling put out by it, then stop. And don't let others make you doubt your to study three hours a day, that's fine. Commit to those three hours and make it worth it but do your best. Don't let other's expectations

5. Put your energy where it matters.

In this season, it is crucial we treat our time like it is the most valuable resource in the entire universe. So, invest your time wisely. Don't spend 7 hours binge watching Gilmore Girls or going out with your friends the day before an exam. You only have so much time so make the most of it.

6. Take care of yourself.

You're useless if you can't function. Exam stress is tremendous but it doesn't need to destroy your mental health or hygiene. Remember to take that shower and brush your teeth. To eat better. To destress after a long day with a book or a movie. You don't have to work yourself to death to achieve impossibly high expectations. Just work hard and be serious about your goals. It doesn't matter how smart you are, if you don't work for your goals, you're likely not

going to achieve them.

7. Visit Hutch, the library

Even if for a second, petting the furry creature will bring joy to your soul. (Unless you're me and whenever you pet Hutch, he doesn't acknowledge you and you can feel your soul slowly dying.) Fun times!

8. Have fun and blow up this bloody popsicle stand when this is all over.

Party like 2016 is going out of style. You may have just rocked/ blown four finals but you aren't defined by these tests. There is always a way to come back or another semester if necessary! Just chill. Breathe. And make room for Santa because Christmas is right around the corner! #Yav

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nov Green

Procrastination Station

Birch, Please!

An Original "Ayla's Awesome Cartoon"



Ask Amber

Your sassy, satirical self-help guru



break up with him. It's not about where you are but who you're with. Even Edmonton can be an adventure with someone you love! Don't mess this up Jenny.

Dear Amber.

I think that I want to break up with my boyfriend. We have been dating since our first year, and we are both graduating fourth years. Our relationship is good enough and I am pretty happy, but the more we talk about our future plans the more I can't see us working out.

I want to go study abroad, and he just got accepted into a grad program at main campus. I really do love him, and we have put so much time and effort into our relationship, but I don't want to got then ext 2-5 years in Edmontom.

also, I'm conflicted because I don't want to put this off but it doesn't want to put this off but it doesn't seem fair to break up with him right before exams. AHHHH! What do I do?

Need a New Grad Date

Dear Jenny,

Since this issue comes out sometime during the middle of exam week I hope you haven't already broken up with your boy-friend. It's like you said, it would be totally unfair to break up with him before exams.

Unless your plan was to destroy his grades so he couldn't get into main campus and would be forced to follow you to Europe like a lost puppy. Then I commend you on your scheming.

Jenny, can I call you Jenny? It's nice that you two are both focusing on your career goals but I need you to know that love comes first.

Have you ever seen the Princess Bride Jenny? Clearly not, because if you had you would never let your boyfriend out of your sight.

Evil is everywhere Jenny. Especially in the wake of this Trump election, the most important thing to do is keep your loved ones close.

I'm going to write you a prescription. Watch the movies: P.S. 1 Love You, Atonement, Moulin Rouge, Never Let Me Go, and My Girl. If these movies don't leave you glued on to your boyfriend like a leech, then no, you don't really love him and my advice would be to break up with him after finals but before Christmas.

That way you don't have to get him a present. Do not tell him you watched the saddest movies on the planet and felt nothing for him, but go with your original idea and say: "I just don't love you enough to live in Edmonton with you."

If, on the other hand, you watch these movies and cannot bear the thought of living without him, it's love and you should probably not

Dear Amber.

I'm a first year and I am totally fucked with final exams coming up. I have no idea how to study, and thats clear because I havent done very well all semester. Do you have any secret study tips, or should I just drop out and join the

Sincerely,

I didn't want THAT D

Dear I didn't want THAT D, I think you should do whatever

you want to do. If you want to join the circus then absolutely do that. If you want to not fail out of school, then you may have to crack a book. But honestly, I didn't visit the library until my third year and I'm still here. Not that I recommend that

Chances are, you're not doing as bad as you think you are. My biggest secret study tip is just to find a major that you're interested in. That way studying and writing papers doesn't seem like work but like getting to learn about things you're interested in!

And hey, if you flunk out just take it as a sign that your current major isn't the right fit or that you should drop out and join the circus!

Procrastination Station, Part 2...

Campus Horoscopes

Aquatius (Jan 21 - Feb 19) I realise that I spelt your star sign

wrong but I like it more this way. It's more Roman. This misspelling of your star sign is a metaphor for having to accept things you cannot change (that's right, I'm that good). Merry Christmas Aquatius Roman Emperor of something cool I'm

Pisces (Feb 20 - Mar 20) Eat some pie this Christmas. For

Eat some pie this Christmas. For all of us that have to abstain from eating pie because we'll get chubby. Do it for Canada. Do it for the

Aries (Mar 21 - Apr 20)

This December, as you scramble to prepare for classes you haven't been to all year, reflect on all of the missed opportunities of 2016 and remember that although 2017 is a New Year, you are still the same you. <3

Taurus (Apr 21 - May 21)

Watch your consumption of those liquor filled bottle chocolates to avoid getting into a fight over Donald Trump, who your family thinks is a "good businessman."

Gemini (May 22 - June 21) This Christmas just for fun, switch

places with a close friend to see if your family notices.

Cancer (June 22 - July 23)

Your New Year's resolution this year should be to ask yourself: Can I? To which your reply should be: I Can, Sir. (I'm sorry, I'm really out of material.)



Leo (July 24 - Aug 23) You will get everything you want for Christmas this year. You deserve it because you're a Leo.

Virgo (Aug 24 - Sep 23) Always the life of the party, make sure to offer to do Uncle Bob's taxes this holiday season. He is definitely getting audited this year.

Libra (Sep 24 - Oct 23)

While you're studying for finals this month remember that whatever happens you can always curl up by those nice fireplaces in the forum that still don't turn on.

Scorpio (Oct 24 - Nov 22) The month that's all about you is over now so no doubt you will spend your Christmas season dealing with that.

Sagittarius (Nov 23 - Dec 21) You should spend this Christmas holiday working so that you can save up money to go to a tropical

destination next Christmas. Capricorn (Dec 22 - Jan 20) This Christmas all of your cous-

This Christmas all of your cousins who are Pisces will get food poisoning from eating too much pie. Thus, you will be forced to act out the Jesus in a manger scene by yourself. I suggest you forgo studying for finals to prepare for this.





Have a Wonderful Break and See you in the New Year!

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